

The City of Clayton
Community Equity Commission
Virtual Zoom Meeting
May 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Laura Horwitz (Chair), Chris Schmiz, Yvonne Tisdell, Ben Uchitelle, Frances Pires, Stuart Berkowitz, Ted Wheeler, Dr. Sean Doherty (ex officio), and JoAnna Schooler (ex officio).

Additional: Sarah Umlauf, Executive Director of the Saint Louis Art Fair, Alderwoman Susan Buse, City Manager David Gipson, and Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Muskopf

Minutes

Ben Uchitelle moved to approve the April 8, 2021 minutes. Yvonne Tisdell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

St. Louis Art Fair Presentation

Sarah Umlauf, Executive Director of the Saint Louis Art Fair, presented information about the Saint Louis Art Fair event and well as the artist selection process. to the Commission.

Equity Audit

City Manager Gipson presented information about the City's Equity Audit.

Purchasing

City Manager Gipson presented information about purchasing for City operations.

Old Business

Public Comments from April 8, 2021

City Manager Gipson reviewed the public comments from the March 11, 2021 meeting.

Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force (Task Force)

Due to time limitations, no update was provided; however, if there is an update, an email update will be sent to the Commission.

Subcommittee Reports

Law Enforcement/Municipal Court Subcommittee

The recommendations by the Subcommittee were included in the agenda packet. Stuart Berkowitz offered to answer any questions. Ben Uchitelle moved to forward the recommendations to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. Chris Schmiz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Communications Subcommittee

The presentation regarding Neighborhood Watch signage was included in the packet. Chris Schmiz provided a brief background and offered to answer any questions. Chris Schmiz

moved to forward the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. Ben Uchitelle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comment

Rick Bliss inquired about the recommendations from the Law Enforcement/Municipal Court Subcommittee, specifically the definition of the “desired equity qualifications” when referring to the selection of the municipal judge as well as the administration of the restorative justice recommendation to return fine monies to indigent defendants who are unable to meet requirements due to financial limitations.

Kathleen Gund inquired about the applicant vs. hiring rate statistics during the Equity Audit presentation.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.